estimated reserves of oil and oil equivalent of gas (O+OEG) are about 1467.57 MMt.

(c) A total of 56.5 Million Tonnes of oil & oil equivalent of gas is expected to be produced during the year 1996-97. Efforts are being made to increase the production levels further. However, production levels are dependent on several factors including exploitable hydrocarbon reserves base, permitted production potential based on reservoir characteristics, exploitation strategy, available infrastructure, depletion stage of the reservoir and other pctrophysical considerations which limit the production levels keeping in view the health of reservoir.

(d) The details of the amount spent during the last three years for importing petroleum products are as 'under:—

Year	*Amount Spent*
1993-94	7041
1994-95	7522
1995-96	12578

Strike Threat by Off-Shore Divers of ONGC

621. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the off-shore divers working for ONGC have threatened to go on strike;

(b) if so, what are their demands; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Bharatiya Gotakhor Sangh, an Association representing divers employed by a contractor engaged by ONGC Ltd., has raised certain issues with the Corporation and has stated that in case proper action was not taken to rectify the same, the Association would be forced to give a call for strike.

(b) (i) Direct employment for divers and technicians; (ii) Deboarding of foreign divers engaged by the contractor from the vessels deployed by the contractor and deportation of such foreign divers from the country; (iii) Strict adoption of international safety norms relating to diving; and (iv) Ensuring payment of unpaid wages of divers by the contractor.

(c) Services of divers through contractor are obtained on contract by ONGC Ltd., strictly based on need. The Corporation ensures that various terms of the contract agreement entered into with the contractor, including strict compliance of international safety norms and payment of wages by the contractor to his employees, are following by the contractor.

पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों पर राजसहायता

622. **श्री रामजेठमलानी**: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पेट्रोलियम और इसके उत्पादों पर राजसहायता प्रदान की जाती है;

(ख) यदि हां,तो विभिन्न उत्पादों पर राजसहायता किस दर से प्रदान की जाती है और वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान कुल कितनी राजसहायता दिए जाने का अनुमान हैं;

(ग) क्या 1990-91 से 1996-97 के दौरान राजसहायता की राशि में पर्याप्त वृद्वि हुई हैं, यदि हां तो उसका वर्ष –वार ब्यौरा क्या हैं ;

(घ) क्या उक्त अवधि के दौरान पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों पर राजसहायता में इस वृद्वि के बावजूद उनके मूल्य तेजी से बढ़े हैं; और

(ड.) यदि हां,तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री(श्री टी.आर.बालु): (क) और (ख) पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों पर 1996-97 के लिए राजसहायता की अनुमानित धनराशि निम्नानुसार हैं:-

(करोड़ रूपए)

उत्पाद	1996-97
एच.एस.डी	8340
एस.के.ओ.(घरेलू)	6350
एल.पी.जी.(पैक्ड घेरलू)	1950